

Orgad lashes out at service sector

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday declared war of attrition on the services which make an "excellent living" from the productive sector. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Israel Management Centre here last night, Cohen-Orgad said the services, willingly or unwillingly, will take the lead in the general belt tightening. He said he could give many examples of his charges, but gave only one the citrus industry.

"The citrus grower gets \$1.40 a crate for Shamuti oranges. By the time this crate reaches Haifa Port, having been transported, sorted, packed, and transported again, this crate is worth \$4.50. In other words, in the journey from the orchard to the port, the services have added more than \$3. When this crate reaches London, the importer pays \$7-7.50 a crate."

"This service process must be made much more efficient," the finance minister said, "so that the farmer can get far more for his fruit."

Taking an overview of the economy, he said that it has a sound basis, and after going through a transitional period ending at about the end of 1984 and the beginning of 1985 it should again be able to show signs of vigorous health.

"But during these 13 to 14 months, we must cut our adverse balance payments by \$800m-\$1 billion." This means increasing exports by 12 per cent. The biggest burden must be borne by industry which must raise its exports by 15 per cent. Tourism must bring in another 8-9 per cent in foreign currency, and agricultural exports must grow by 6-7 per cent, he said.

On the other hand, the standard of living must drop by 7-9 per cent. Real wages must fall," he said.

All this is possible without any great burden on the population, and without a "deep depression." Pockets of employment would be created, but work would be found in the productive sector, he said.

To accomplish all this, a "working agreement" is needed among the three sectors of the economy: the government, the Histadrut and the employers. "And I'm glad to say that I have found understanding among all three partners," he said.

Since he was addressing "management" (the members of the Israel Management Centre are among the highest paid in the country), Cohen-Orgad defended his policy of raising income taxes from 60 to 66 per cent on those who earned more than \$250,000 at September prices.

"These 14,000 persons — half of whom earn salaries, and half of whom are self-employed — should realize that they have to pay their share. It is impossible to impose an educational levy on those earning \$30,000 — \$40,000 a month without also taking money from the highest income bracket," he said.

Cohen-Orgad also criticized those who claim that Israelis already pay among the highest income taxes in the world. "If you eliminate transfer payments — that is taxes returned to the public in the form of education, health services, etc. — the real income tax is much lower. The overwhelming majority of the public does not pay more than 30 per cent net," he said.

As for the civil service, he said it would be reduced considerably. He did not say when, but he added that "those remaining will be paid more. This is necessary to attract the best manpower into government service."

Orgad wants free trade

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday told an Israeli trade delegation that Israel will oppose setting up a free trade area with the U.S. allowing goods to flow between the two countries except from tariffs.

Cohen-Orgad said certain Israeli goods now enter the U.S. duty free, subject to competitive need limitations. When the sale of a product to the U.S. exceeds \$25 million in 1975 prices or exceeds 50 per cent of the market there, it is removed from the duty free status, he explained.

The minister predicted benefits for the U.S. in free trade because of a tendency to divert Israeli purchases to Europe under an agreement with the European Economic Community providing a scale of decreasing tariffs.

Independence' scares Turkish Cypriots

By ABRAHAM RABENOVICH
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ICOSIA, Turkish Cyprus. — Concern that their declaration of independence might lose the Turkish Cypriots whatever economic and political independence they have until now can be detected through the mild euphoria gripping the newly declared Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

"We don't want to become an integral part of Turkey but there's a danger of our being forced into it," said Alpay Durduran, a leader of the largest opposition party in the legislative assembly, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post.

"Turkey provides us with 60 per cent of our budget and we have become increasingly dependent on them," he said. "Our per capita income is only \$1,200 but that's still considerably higher than Turkey's. The time may come when the Turks decide to unbuckle themselves by jacking up and cutting their subsidies."

Despite these reservations, Durduran's Communal Liberation Party, which has eight seats in the 35-seat legislative assembly, joined the unanimous vote for independence last week.

The dangers in defying the world community by unilaterally declaring independence were also cited by other opposition leader, Oskur Ozgur. "If EEC countries stop buying our citrus and other products, we will have to sell everything to

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President Ronald Reagan introduces President Chaim Herzog to a gathering at the White House yesterday.

Herzog urges Reagan to strengthen cooperation

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Chaim Herzog yesterday urged President Ronald Reagan to visibly strengthen U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation in the search for Middle East peace.

Cooperation "should be seen," Herzog told Reagan during a 45-minute White House meeting attended by several other senior U.S. officials, including Vice-President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz and National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

Herzog, who is to meet at breakfast this morning with Shultz, emerged from yesterday's meeting clearly pleased by what he had heard from Reagan. The meeting was described by U.S. and Israeli officials as "very useful and friendly."

According to informed diplomatic sources, Reagan was especially blunt in criticizing Syria for fomenting so much of the problems in Lebanon and elsewhere in the region.

Reagan met with Herzog shortly after Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a news conference that while Iranian-backed terrorists were responsible for the bombing of U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut last month, the Syrians were certainly aware of and even sponsored the operation.

It was the sharpest public statement to date by any U.S. official accusing Damascus of the incident.

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Histadrut prepares for C-o-L fight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut is flexing its muscles for an all-out fight with the Finance Ministry and the Manufacturers Association on the issue of paying sizeable advance on the cost-of-living allowance which is due to be paid in early February.

Israel Kassar, head of the Trades Unions Department in the Histadrut yesterday met with a delegation representing some 35,000 civil servants who demanded that the advance be paid as soon as possible. Kassar promised them that everything possible would be done, adding that "low wage earners could not possibly wait until February, for their costs have risen by 40 to 50 per cent recently, due to the cuts in subsidies."

The next allowance is due on the three-month period ending December. But since the index for December is published only on January 15, it is generally paid together with January's wages, which are paid in February.

Tomorrow the Histadrut Executive is to meet to discuss empowering its central committee to take "organizational steps" to press for the advance. It seems certain that the executive will decide by a large majority to take this step, since the large Herut faction in the Histadrut has announced it is throwing its support behind the demand.

So far, the Histadrut has not set a deadline for the payment, although it has hinted it wants it paid early in December.

The government, the country's largest employer, and the Manufacturers Association have neither refused nor agreed to pay the advance. Both bodies say they are studying data to see if an advance is needed, and the exact sum.

No meeting has been set.

Historian Martin Gilbert tells MKs: 'Israel neglects Soviet Jews' plight'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

A prominent British historian and activist for the rights of Soviet Jewry yesterday accused Israel's leadership and news media of neglecting the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Addressing an open meeting of the Knesset Aliyah and Absorption Committee, Professor Martin Gilbert said he feared the reputation of "the apathy of an earlier generation" that had led to the extermination of Jews who might have been saved.

Gilbert, the official biographer of Winston Churchill, is about to return to Oxford University after five months in Israel.

He said Israel should be taking the lead in the world campaigns for Soviet Jewry, but that he had not found here "any mass of citizens concerned with the problem."

Volunteer activists for Soviet Jewry have long been pressing for the establishment in Israel of an information centre that would supply materials on Soviet Jewry to schools and to the media, Gilbert said.

But the idea had evoked "only lip-service" from those who should have jumped at the chance of providing the funds.

Gilbert said that Soviet Jews are in the habit of pleading with visitors from abroad to "keep us on the agenda!"

But, he said, in transmitting that message to the prime minister of Israel he could not say "keep them on the agenda," but rather "put them on the agenda!"

Aryeh Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, rebutted many of Gilbert's charges. Obviously, whatever was being done was not "enough." But Gilbert had spoken as if the establishment was doing nothing, Dulzin said.

The subject of Soviet Jewry was very high on the agenda in Israel, and on the agenda of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, for instance, that Shamir intended to raise the matter in his forthcoming talks with President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz.

Dulzin said Israel was doing the things Gilbert had proposed. But it had no miraculous answer to the question of how to force the Soviet Union to permit Jews to leave. He said the subject was constantly on the agenda of the Knesset Aliyah and Absorption Committee.

Committee member Menahem Hacohen (Alignment) granted that that was true, "but from the committee there is no breakthrough, not even to the Knesset plenum."

Hacohen noted that many committee members were abroad, and that though all Knesset members had been invited, only a handful had come.

"If it's on the agenda, where are they?" he asked.

Michael Harish (Alignment) took issue with the theme of Dulzin's remarks — that essentially everything was alright, but perhaps we could do a bit more. This was a national problem of the first water, Harish said, but "we don't know where we're going, and we don't know what we want."

About 65 people attended the meeting, including a number of immigrant academics from the Soviet Union, and many activists for Soviet Jewry. But of the nine committee members, only Yosef Rom (who presided), Hacohen, and Gehula Cohen were present.



Martin Gilbert. (Zoom 77)

Saudis pressure Syria to relent on Arafat

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Reporter and agencies

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal arrived in Damascus yesterday for urgent talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, as pressures grew on Syria to lift the siege by Syrian-backed rebels on PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's last stronghold in the north Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Saud went directly from the airport to a meeting with Khaddam, reportedly to discuss Arafat's deteriorating situation in Tripoli.

The Saudi visit coincided with the publication in a Kuwaiti newspaper yesterday of an unprecedentedly harsh denunciation of the rebels by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz.

Denouncing the rebels as "traitors and stooges," Abdullah openly rebuked their leaders Col. Abu Musa and Brig. Tarek Khadra for challenging Arafat's legitimacy.

"Our Arab and Islamic nations did not offer sacrifices so generously just to let a colonel or a brigadier stage a military coup against the trusted authority of the PLO," Abdullah said.

"Capturing a camp or two will never uproot the Palestinian cause from Arab conscience or switch its legitimacy into legitimacy," he added, referring to the fall of the Nahr al-Bared and Baddawi camps north of Tripoli and to the rebels, noting that mutiny would never turn "a usurper into a commander."

The Saudi position will undoubtedly have been reflected in Saud's meeting with Khaddam yesterday, adding to the growing diplomatic pressure on Damascus to halt the fighting in Tripoli and preserve the unity of the PLO under its legitimate leadership.

A similar position was reportedly conveyed to Khaddam in Moscow last week by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who, while refraining from openly endorsing Arafat or condemning the rebels, called for an end to the strife and a negotiated settlement of the dispute.

The PLO's "foreign minister," Farouk Kaddoumi, arrived in Moscow yesterday on an unannounced visit, and observers expect him to receive a similar message from his Soviet hosts.

Palestinian sources in Damascus said Kaddoumi, one of Arafat's oldest associates and a co-founder of his mainstream Fatah group, flew to the Soviet capital from New Delhi.

Simultaneously, two representatives of radical PLO groups — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine — also trying to end the fighting, flew to Moscow from Damascus, the sources said.

All three were expected to ask the Soviet Union to help stop the clashes in Tripoli.

Syria was also coming under pan-Arab pressure, with Arab League Secretary General Chadi Kleibi leaving Tunis yesterday at the start of an Arab tour designed to end the fighting.

Even within the PLO itself, Syria has not so far managed to turn the main factions against Arafat, with Habash and Hawatmeh resisting all efforts by Damascus to get them to openly back the rebellion.

A Palestinian rebel commander said yesterday his men will enter Tripoli if Arafat does not leave within four days.

Ahmed Jibril, leader of the pro-Libyan Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), was speaking to reporters at the former loyalist stronghold at the Buddawi refugee camp.

Essentially, the rebellion against Arafat remains a Syrian-controlled and to a large extent Syrian-orchestrated affair, with the dissent.

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PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat meets reporters yesterday in his Tripoli headquarters, just hundreds of metres from the front-line area of fighting between his loyalists and Syrian-backed rebels. (UPI telephoto)

'Soviets try to restrain Syria'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Soviet Union is trying to induce Syria to follow a moderate policy in Lebanon to prevent escalation in the Middle East, according to an authoritative source in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Soviet restraint reflects Soviet concern over a possible direct confrontation between the two superpowers as a result of the Lebanese crisis, the source said.

The Soviet Union does not want to challenge the U.S. in a region where it feels the U.S. is stronger, he said.

The source said that Soviet efforts to save PLO chairman Yasser Arafat from his imminent fate in Tripoli had become apparent lately.

Assad meets top officials

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syrian President Hafez Assad, who reportedly underwent appendix surgery earlier this month, met senior ministers and a military chief yesterday for discussions on the Middle East and other topics, state-run Damascus Radio said.

The radio did not say where the meeting took place. It has not yet been publicly announced that Assad has left the hospital.

Yesterday's radio report follows rumours suggesting that Assad had suffered a heart attack, and that he was in Moscow.

Bundestag approves deploying U.S. missiles

BONN. — The West German Bundestag yesterday voted 286-226 to start immediate deployment of U.S. Pershing-2 and cruise missiles.

After two days of impassioned debate stretching over 26 hours, the coalition government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl carried the day, as predicted, with a comfortable majority over the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) and radical Greens.

Juergen Moellmann, state minister in the Foreign Ministry, said after the balloting that the first Pershing-2 missiles are expected to be stationed in his country "in the next few days."

The Reagan administration had previously said it would await the outcome of the vote before dispatching new medium-range missiles to West Germany.

Riot police arrested 98 protesters near the Bundestag building as politicians debated. Most of those arrested were in groups of several hundred young adult Germans who disobeyed orders to halt two illegal demonstrations at police barricades ringing the government district.

In Copenhagen, much of Denmark joined in a five-minute "peace strike" yesterday as the centre-right government again came under pressure over its stance on new NATO nuclear missiles.

Meanwhile in Geneva, there are increasing signs that the Soviet Union will walk out of medium-range missile talks with the U.S. after the vote by the Bundestag to deploy new weapons, NATO sources said. (Reuters, AP)

Bomb in Tulkarm

A spate of petrol-bomb attacks has been reported from the Tulkarm area over the past 48 hours.

Late Monday night, four incendiary bottles were thrown at the local military government headquarters in the town. Two exploded, but caused no damage or injuries.

Israelis barred from karate meet in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — Israeli players have been barred from the fourth world amateur karate championship which opened here yesterday, Israeli Embassy officials said.

The decision was taken by the International Committee of the Tokyo-based World Karate Federation for Amateurs which is organizing the tournament.

The officials said the committee based the decision on "technicalities such as arrears in Israeli membership fees."

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Corfu: Illegally parked cars to get the 'Boot'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — New regulations will be issued this week enabling municipal inspectors to put a "boot" around a car wheel to immobilize the vehicle until the owner pays a fine for parking illegally, Transport Minister Haim Corfu said yesterday.

This measure is meant to clear main thoroughfares of illegally parked cars, he said. The wheel will be unclamped once the inspector has proof the fine has been paid, Corfu added, adding that this might take up to three days.

Corfu also told a press conference that his ministry is negotiating with a number of municipalities to allow parking on sidewalks as part of a plan to provide more parking space. The "parking allowed" zone on sidewalks will be marked, he said.

Corfu said the use of the "boot," — or "Denver shoe" as it is known from the city in the U.S. where it was introduced — will be more effective than towing away illegally parked vehicles. He promised that local authorities will be allowed to use this method only if it provides sufficient parking areas near "no parking allowed" zones.

The minister said he is negotiating with municipalities with parking space problems to build large parking lots at the entrance to the city and to provide efficient public transportation to and from the city centre.

The ministry will soon introduce changes into what driving schools teach and how they teach. Learners will be tested by special instruments to reveal their weak points and these will be worked on in the driving lessons, Corfu said. The ministry will also keep a closer eye on instructors. The quota of students that instructors may send for a driving test will depend on the number of their students who pass the first time round.

Corfu emphasized he is prepared to raise the speed limit from 90 kilometres an hour to 110 kph only on 100 kilometres of the country's 3,800 kilometres of paved roads. These are the 40 kilometres between Hadera and Haifa and the 23 kilometres from Ashdod to Tel Aviv on the coastal road; and the 38 kilometres from Sha'ar Hagi to Tel Aviv on road number 1.

But even this increased speed limit will save

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AMSTERDAM	0	22	72	43	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	0	22	72	45	Clear
BUENOS AIRES	11	22	72	84	Clear
CHICAGO	2	26	79	32	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	3	26	79	38	Clear
FRANKFURT	2	23	73	43	Clear
GENEVA	3	22	72	40	Cloudy
HELSINKI	4	21	70	32	Cloudy
HONG KONG	20	26	79	77	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	14	27	81	77	Clear
LISBON	10	21	70	35	Rain
LONDON	0	22	72	41	Cloudy
MADRID	13	24	75	38	Clear
MONTREAL	3	27	81	45	Clear
NEW YORK	12	24	75	43	Clear
OSLO	4	18	64	34	Clear
PARIS	0	22	72	46	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	27	81	80	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19	26	79	86	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	4	25	77	39	Clear
TOKYO	9	24	75	47	Clear
TORONTO	6	21	70	38	Clear
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	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
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Golan	59	12-18	18
Nahariya	59	13-24	24
Safad	68	9-18	18
Haifa Port	69	17-22	22
Tiberias	65	14-23	23
Nazareth	65	13-21	21
Afula	70	12-22	23
Shomron	62	13-20	21
Tel Aviv	67	15-21	22
B-G Airport	66	14-23	23
Jericho	46	13-26	26
Gaza	64	14-23	22
Beer-Sheva	38	10-23	24
Elit	22	13-28	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Acting President and Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin yesterday in Beit Hanassi with Haitian Foreign Minister Jean Robert Estim and Mrs. Estim. He also received the Spanish author, Camilo Jose Cela, and his wife.

MK Abba Eban will speak at 8 p.m. today in English on Lebanon: "Is There A Way Out," at Beit Elisheva, Katamon, under the auspices of Kadima Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will host its 249 District Rotary president, Tuvia Lavie, at its meeting at 1 p.m. in the YMCA today.

Uri Toepfritz will speak on Music, Concerts and Education at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Lebanese boy killed, another hurt by bomb

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Lebanese boy was killed and another wounded near Kafr Meshki in the Bekaa in Lebanon yesterday morning when a bomb they found in a field exploded.

The identity of the dead boy was not revealed. The second boy, Ismael Juralis, 11, lost two fingers and suffered head and leg wounds.

Workers in a nearby vineyard rushed to the scene. An Israeli Defence Forces medical corps unit in the Bekaa. A team headed by Dr. Shlomo Walfisch, a surgeon on reserve duty, gave him first aid and a helicopter took the boy to hospital in Safad.

Since "doctors there feared shrapnel penetrated the boy's skull, the helicopter flew him on to Ramat Hashanah Hospital in Haifa for brain surgery."

TURKISH

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since the island was divided following the fighting of 1974, when the Turkish army invaded to save the Turkish Cypriot community.

The new government's official printer has gone to Europe to purchase the high quality paper and inks needed for passports. The 150,000 citizens of the new republic are hoping that the family of nations will recognize the document as the credentials of a legitimate new member. If the new state is not perceived by the world to legally exist, it may indeed eventually cease to exist.

EXERCISE. — A civil defence exercise will be held in educational institutions around the country tomorrow, the army spokesman announced. All-clear sirens will be sounded at 10:30 a.m. If there is an actual alert, rising-and-falling sirens will be heard.

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TOMORROW, Haga Exercise at Educational Institutes

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 24, there will be Haga exercises at educational institutes, in connection with which the all clear will be sounded at 10:30 a.m. throughout the country.

In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

COMMITTEE APPROVES CODE OF ETHICS FOR MKs

By ASHER WALLFISH and
By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Knesset Members will have to submit to the speaker a declaration of their capital holdings within 60 days of being elected, and a second declaration when the Knesset dissolves, according to a code of ethical behaviour for MKs approved unanimously by the House Committee yesterday.

The proposals have been under discussion for two years.

The Speaker will keep the declarations, which refer to the MK and his family, on file in the event a complaint is received about the MK.

A special ethics committee will be selected to supervise this and other provisions in the code, which include:

- A ban on exploiting information gleaned in the course of an MK's duties for his personal benefit.
- A ban on receiving clients in the Knesset building by MKs with a profession.
- A ban on representing clients before any public authority.
- A ban on taking part in any committee discussion in which the MK

has a personal financial interest.

Violation of the ethics code will entail a possible reprimand or publication of the violation.

The House Committee also approved the new form of urgent parliamentary question, which has to be submitted by Sunday of each week, and will be answered by the relevant minister on the following Wednesday unless the minister can convince the Speaker otherwise.

After the reply, two other MKs at most may ask brief supplementary questions.

The House Committee decided to publish a tender shortly for the installation of electronic voting equipment in the plenum chamber. It also decided to furnish every MK with a special identity document, containing sections of the Knesset Members Immunity Law.

In another development, Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) wrote Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin urging that the present arrangement be altered for raising MKs' wages every six months, in line with the rise in the average wage in the economy.

Virshubski said every time MKs' wages go up, it sparks a public controversy, because the increase is sizable and it also generates a large gap between MKs' wages and civil service wages.

He said MKs' wages should be linked to civil service wages, as should wages of cabinet ministers and judges.

Foreign workers

There are about 4,000 foreigners in Israel working illegally, in addition to 1,286 with work permits, Deputy Labour Minister Ben-Zion Rubin said in the Knesset yesterday.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Meir Cohen-Avidon (Likud-Herut) who said that when there are unemployed Israelis, no foreigners should be hired. He asserted that Histadrut enterprises were among the leading employers of foreign workers.

Rubin said that permits were not supposed to be issued unless the foreign worker had some special skill or if there was a shortage of the particular type of workers.

He could not vouch for the fact that these restrictions were always adhered to, but he agreed that the

question ought to be examined.

The motion was referred to the Labour and Social Affairs Committee.

Manual labour

Likud MK Micha Reisser (Likud-Herut) believes every Knesset member should do two hours of manual work every week.

Reisser yesterday wrote Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin asking him to sound out the faction heads on a project to organize MKs for two hours a week in order to encourage more Israelis to abandon the services for production jobs.

MKs should set a personal example for the public, Reisser wrote.

Right priorities

Deputy Labour Minister Ben-Zion Rubin made sure yesterday the Knesset got its priorities right.

Rubin was due to reply to four items on the agenda relating to labour affairs yesterday evening when Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen announced an unscheduled intermission in the plenum session.

Cohen explained that Rubin went to the TV studios for an interview.

'Ata works won't be shut down'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "The Ata textile works will not be closed," the director-general of the Industry and Trade Ministry, Yehoshua Forer, said at the annual general meeting of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce last night.

Forer said he had been authorized to make the announcement by the ministers of finance and industry.

The government is making great efforts to secure the investment that will enable Ata not merely to overcome its present crisis, but assure its long-term future, he said.

He noted that the half-century-old Ata works are a symbol of Israeli products. Its name is an acronym for "materials made in our own country." Its closure would mean depriving 2,600 workers of their livelihoods, "an order of magnitude we have not come up against in a single enterprise," Forer was convinced that Ata could be revived if its problems of partially outdated equipment and some unprofitable production lines could be solved.

But above all, Forer said, Ata must export 50 per cent. of its products, and not less than 20 per cent, as it does now.

Forer praised Ata workers for their "responsible behaviour" in the crisis and the Cotton Marketing Board for continuing to send supplies to Ata though Ata had been unable to pay.

Taking issue with the chairman of the Chambers of Commerce Union, Avner Ben-Yakar, who had said that the new government policy of restraining business while the public sector was not reduced would lead to stagnation, Forer said Israel was not facing another recession like that of 1956-66. It now had a much larger and stronger economy, with exports of \$11 billion (including \$4 billion worth of industrial exports) annually. Israel must and could resume annual export growth of 12 per cent to put the economy back on its feet, he said.

The meeting welcomed Sami Shuhien, president of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce, which was received as a full member in the Chambers Union. The Nazareth Organization was revived recently after being in abeyance since 1948.

Safad city workers strike over late pay

Jerusalem Post Staff

SAFAD. — Some 600 municipal workers held a two-hour strike yesterday morning to protest against the fact that 25 fellow workers have not been paid their October salaries.

The unpaid workers have filed claims against the city for withholding their salaries and for damages to cover interest payments they are forced to make in bank overdrafts. The partial strike was coordinated with the Histadrut, which had asked unsuccessfully for a 24-hour day.

The municipal works committee warned that it would strike the city for additional periods if the workers are not paid soon.

In the Arab village of Kafr Yasif in Western Galilee, teachers of the comprehensive school also went on strike because they have not received their October wages.

Local council chairman Nimer Murkus said financial difficulties had compelled him to cut municipal services. In Kafr Yasif and the nearby villages of Makr and Judeida, local council employees threatened to strike at the end of the month over municipal cutbacks.

Car-bomb scare leads to tighter security at Awali

DBAIVE, Lebanon. (Reuters).

Israel reimposed tight security at the Awali bridges into South Lebanon yesterday after receiving intelligence reports of plans to drive in cars packed with explosives, Israeli officials said.

They said that until further notice, Israeli troops at the bridge would revert to the permit system imposed after a suicide commando drove a truck-bomb into an Israeli security headquarters in Tyre on November 4.

"We had information that cars full of explosives were planning to go down there," said Bruce Kashtan, a Foreign Ministry official at Israel's Liaison Bureau in Dbaiye in Christian-held territory north of Beirut.

The Lebanese government last week asked western states to persuade Israel to relax the restrictions, which many Lebanese fear could be the prelude to a *de facto* partition of the country.

But Kashtan said Israel had no wish to cut off the south.

Iraqi rocket sinks Greek ship in Gulf

ATHENS (Reuters).

An Iraqi rocket Monday hit and sank a Greek merchant ship in an attack on shipping in the Persian Gulf, but all 19 crew members were safe, its owners said yesterday.

Iraq said Monday its air force had destroyed seven "enemy" ships sailing from Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal.

A spokesman for the Stravelakis Shipping Company said the Antigoni was hit by a rocket shortly after it set out from the Iranian port of Bushehr for the oil centre of Bandar Khomeini, carrying a cargo of steel.

In London, Lloyds intelligence

Gur: Time ripe for deal with Syria

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel can and should reach an unwritten agreement with Syria by which Israel could tolerate a Syrian presence in Lebanon, MK Mordechai Gur said yesterday.

Gur said at a Jerusalem Economic Club luncheon at the Moriah Hotel that now is the best time to enter into negotiations with West Bank Palestinians and Jordan's King Hussein, because the Palestine Liberation Organization is in a shambles.

Gur said the destruction wreaked upon the PLO and the dissolution of Yasser Arafat's leadership of the organization offers Israel a unique opportunity to solve the Palestinian problem. He said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir should declare his willingness to enter into such talks during his visit to Washington.

Israel is worth every dollar of U.S. aid as far as the Americans are concerned because of its strong and stable alliance with American interests in the Middle East, Gur said. U.S. aid, he said, should be used to protect and build up Israeli high-technology industry as part of joint projects, he added.

Gur, a former chief of staff and now a Labour MK, maintains that many Americans feel they are stuck in Lebanon and that the only way for them to get out of there is during an Israeli-Syrian war. War with Syria at this stage of affairs would be "entirely unjustified," he said.

'Only Treasury can set amount asked from U.S.'

Post Economic Reporter

Treasury sources stressed yesterday that only the treasury has the authority to set the amounts of aid requested from the U.S. The request will be made after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir returns from the U.S., the sources said.

The sources were reacting to reports from Washington that Israel will request \$1.7 billion in grants as military aid for 1985, and not \$1.3 b. as originally planned by the ministry some months ago when Yoram Aridor was finance minister.

The sources said that the reports about the new request probably

Travel tax decision delayed

By AVI TEMKIN

Coalition members at the Knesset Finance Committee had promised on Monday to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to "behave properly" and to approve the proposed raise in the travel tax and in electricity prices. Yesterday the committee again decided to delay its decision for one more week.

Liberal Party members had decided that they would support the raise of the travel tax from \$50 to \$75 and 7.5 per cent of the ticket price. Despite this one of the party members, MK Yitzhak Zeiger again attacked the tax in the committee, and said that it will not bring the

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However, Weinberger stopped short of actually calling for any specific retaliation against the Syrians.

In calling for closer U.S.-Israel military and strategic coordination, Herzog used an American football analogy to make his case to Reagan. "We're carrying the ball," Herzog said. "We're getting all the interference, but there is no huddle or game plan." (A huddle is when the offensive team assemblies to plan its next move.)

Herzog used the meeting to present his sense of the Middle East situation.

He was well-received by the Americans, some of whom had known him while he served at the UN. A former chief of military intelligence, Herzog has a reputation here as one of Israel's leading military commentators.

Thus, the U.S. leadership was anxious to hear what he had to say, especially because of next week's summit here between Reagan and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The meeting had originally been set for 30 minutes but continued for an extra quarter hour. "It was more than just a courtesy session," one U.S. official said.

Reagan, who is said to be actively gearing up for the Shamir visit, in-

2 Kiryat Arba men lied, Jerusalem prosecutor says

The plea of the former deputy chairman of the Kiryat Arba council and the settlement's former security officer, that they destroyed a bomb found there and did not report it to police because they feared the information would be published in the media and damage Kiryat Arba's name, is "an incredible lie," the prosecutor at the trial of the two men said yesterday.

Michael Shaked said that the real reason Ze'ev Friedman and Moshe Rosenthal disposed of the bomb in April, 1982 and kept its discovery secret was that they were afraid it might link Jewish settlers to the bomb attacks on West Bank mayors in 1980.

Friedman and Rosenthal are on trial in Jerusalem District Court for illegal possession of weapons and destruction of evidence.

Shaked said he based himself on a statement given to police by Rosenthal on October 11, 1982. In the statement, Rosenthal made mention of possible damaging reports in the media. He did, however, tell police that he and Friedman had feared that the bomb might be connected with the attacks on the mayors. (Ium).

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HOME NEWS

Perks or else, warn electric power staffers

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The current attempt by the Knesset Finance Committee to eliminate, or at least limit, the free electricity enjoyed by the over 7,000 employees of the Electric Corporation has probably been shattered even before it got fully under way.

The leaders of the corporation's works committee made it clear yesterday that they would not allow the bonus to be touched. They also broadly hinted that they have the power to back their stand, by cutting off the country's power.

The corporation's management also intimated that it would refrain from raising the issue in order not to provoke a deterioration of labour relations.

The works committee holds that almost every group of salaried workers gets some sort of bonus in the form of free or sharply discounted products from their firms, and they are no exception. They told reporters in response to the finance committee's deliberations that they would agree to a change only after other groups, "including cabinet ministers and Knesset members," would forgo the particular perks they enjoy.

The workers' free electricity goes back to the earliest days of the corporation more than half a century ago, when founder Pinhas Rubenberg tried to charge his first engineer for the power he used in his private flat, inside Tel Aviv's first power station.

The engineer reacted by turning off his electric lights and illuminating his flat with a prominently displayed paraffin lamp, which made the corporation the laughing stock of the town. Rubenberg gave in, creating the precedent whereby today's corporation employees get hundreds of thousands of kilowatts of free power, worth millions of shekels each month.

Drug smuggling

HAIFA (Itim) — A man was accused yesterday by police of attempting to smuggle drugs to his older brother during a kiss while the latter was appearing in court here on Sunday on a drug-related extortion charge. The younger brother was remanded in custody for seven days by a Magistrate Court Judge.

In another case, a man was remanded in custody for 10 days after police accused him of possessing 84 grams of hashish that they found Sunday in his toilet tank. Police also said the man sold 162 grams of hashish at the end of August.



Iowa Senator Charles Grassley meets yesterday in Jerusalem with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to discuss efforts on behalf of civil rights in the Soviet Union, including the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate. Grassley and several dozen other members of Congress recently formed an organization to pursue these goals. (Zoom 77)

Jerusalem Hanukkah-eve run to mark fight to free Begun

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hundreds of Jerusalemites plan to take part in a five-kilometre run on the first night of Hanukkah next week in honour of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun, whose surname means "runner" in Russian.

The organizers — all volunteers affiliated with the Public Council for Soviet Jewry — have planned the event next Wednesday afternoon to protest against Begun's sentence of seven years in prison and five years in internal exile. The 51-year-old mathematician was charged with anti-Soviet incitement after years of fighting for Jewish emigration and the study of Jewish culture.

Runners are to gather at 3 p.m. at the parking lot outside the Mt. Herzl cemetery, and the non-competitive run will begin a halfhour later. Some runners will carry torches in the spirit of Hanukkah and athlete Esther Roth-Shahmorov is to address the crowd. Betar soccer star Uri Malmilian is expected to join the runners.

More runners are invited to join at the scouts headquarters in Sderot Herzog for a shorter run, and others can participate during the final 500 metres towards the Knesset. All participants are expected to have arrived opposite the Knesset by 4 p.m., where MKs and other dignitaries are scheduled to speak.

"We will light candles on a Hanukkah for Begun and other Prisoners of Zion," says Natan Barson, director of the Jewish Sport Hall of Fame in Jerusalem, who initiated the event.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 new immigrants from around the country are expected to attend a rally in Tel Aviv's Kikar Malsheh Yisrael at noon on Sunday, as part of the campaign to press the Soviets to commute Begun's sentence.

Haifa court denies autopsy request on woman

HAIFA (Itim) — The magistrate's court here yesterday turned down a police request to order an autopsy on an 80-year-old woman who died recently at a local nursing home. Police said they suspected that Fanny Meir might have died as a result of negligence.

The woman was known to have suffered from extreme malnutrition

and had to be fed at times through tubes.

A relative of the dead woman, Zipora Dayan, objected to the police request. She said that over the last few years Meir had lost about 40 kilograms, but that Meir had received good care in the nursing home and her death was natural.

Schools start feeling budget pinch

By SUSAN BELLOS
Post Education Correspondent

Most schools began to feel the economic pinch yesterday when principals received the Education Ministry director-general's monthly circular containing details of the recent IS300 million budget cut on school activities. The cut took effect immediately.

The cuts are in three main areas: hiring of substitute teachers after four instead of three days absence of the regular teacher; classroom cleaning by pupils from the seventh grade upwards; and reduction of busing for pupils in rural areas. Other cuts, totalling another IS300m., are already affecting after-school educational activities, Hebrew language *ulpanim*, and some activities of the ministry's youth department.

The high-level talks on a further IS1b. budget cuts instead of the proposed IS700 a month education levy to be paid by parents — which Education Minister Zevulun Hammer authorized at the end of last week before his trip to Belgium — apparently have not materialized. According to ministry spokesman, Israel Cohen, Hammer had "second thoughts" about the index-linked levy to be paid by all parents irrespective of the number of children in the family, because it is

estimated that it would amount to IS2,500 a month by the end of the school year, according to the present rate of inflation.

According to Cohen, a meeting between "senior officials" did take place on Monday morning to find further ways of cutting the ministry's budget. But he could not say which officials met and what potential cuts were discussed.

However, according to senior officials who spoke to *The Jerusalem Post*, only "very informal" and short talks were held "because we all know that there's nothing left to cut."

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli repeated to *The Post* yesterday that "any additional budget cuts will only mean less class teaching hours." Apparently some ministry officials were incensed at the idea of anyone meeting to discuss any further budget cuts.

Shmueli is due to meet with representatives of the Histadrut Teachers Union this morning. The union is annoyed, according to spokeswoman Tzippi Beinisch, because "some of these cuts weren't co-ordinated with us." She said members are worried about how regular school staffs will spread themselves around to cover three days of a class teacher's absence, and about just how much extra supervision teachers will have to put in to ensure that classes do their own cleaning in-

stead of regular paid staff. Shmueli said on Israel radio yesterday that pupils would not be cleaning school toilets or doing dangerous jobs such as some window cleaning.

M.K. Ora Nahir, chairwoman of the Knesset Education Committee, said at a meeting of the committee yesterday devoted to school heating that "it's inconceivable that Knesset and ministerial offices will be heated this winter and schools and kindergartens won't be." Representatives of Israel's colder areas such as Jerusalem and Safad told the committee the present budget cuts made their fuel allocations inadequate.

Ben Zion Sofer, chairman of the regional council of Merom Hagalil, told the committee that last year the council's fuel allocation "only covered 20 per cent of our fuel costs." Yoel Shitan, head of the Jerusalem Municipal Education Department, said that fuel should be given a special budgetary priority in cold areas.

According to Education Ministry deputy director-general Mordechai Rappel, who attended the meeting, only certain areas had preferential treatment for extra fuel allowances in the winter. Nahir demanded "a meeting within two weeks" with the Education Ministry to re-assess fuel allocations this winter.

Government hospital workers threaten sanctions

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Service and administrative workers in government hospitals have threatened to stop working overtime and to stop staffing certain departments next month if the Health Ministry goes ahead with proposed cutbacks in personnel and overtime payments.

"We are already suffering from a severe lack of manpower throughout the government hospital system. Any further cutbacks will create an intolerable burden for us and lower the level of care we can extend to patients," the head of the government hospital workers union, Ronnie Shalem, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The recent decision by the Civil Service Commission to impose a hiring freeze on government institu-

tions and to cut back payment for overtime by 25 per cent will hit the hospitals especially hard, Shalem said.

"If new staff is not brought in to replace those who retire or go on maternity leave, we cannot continue to operate all the new services and beds that have been added over the past couple of years, without a corresponding rise in new employment slots," he said.

"And if the 25 per cent cut in overtime hours is implemented, the hospitals will simply not be able to operate. Hospitals function on three shifts, around the clock, and those overtime hours are considered part of the regular schedule of any worker. Rather than receiving the extra personnel that was recommended by the Productivity Institute as far back as 1976, the hospitals have learned to manage by

filling in the holes in the roster with overtime hours," Shalem said.

The union is still waiting for a reply to the telegrams it sent to the Civil Service Commission and to the Health Ministry earlier in the week. The telegrams notified the authorities that unless new personnel are hired by December 15, the service and administration workers will cease working in any department or clinic that was opened after April 1982.

The telegrams also warned that if the overtime cutback is implemented, the workers will stop putting in any overtime hours on December 24, Shalem said. This will create "gaps in work schedules" when no workers at all are on duty to cover the wards, he said.

Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Baruch Modan told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that

the ministry has asked the Civil Service Commission to apply the proposed cutbacks "selectively, rather than across the board" when it comes to hospital staff.

He confirmed that certain services had been expanded, including intensive care units in open heart surgery departments, but said that "some new workers" had been added at the same time.

"But that doesn't solve the current understaffing in the hospitals. We will carry out the planned hiring freeze and overtime cutbacks in our administrative operations, but we won't be able to do the same in the hospitals," Modan said. "A hospital is not like other government offices where such cutbacks may mean a longer wait for a passport or a license. A hospital must provide service 24 hours a day, every day," he said.

Sharir says Agency and WZO neglecting Jewish tourism

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Citing the fact that more than 80 per cent of American Jewry has not visited Israel, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir yesterday told the founding session of the Public Council for the Encouragement of Jewish Tourism to Israel that the list of priorities of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization may not be right.

The links between Israeli Jewry and the Diaspora are "becoming weaker and weaker," Sharir told nearly 100 representatives of public and private institutions in attendance at Jerusalem's King David Hotel.

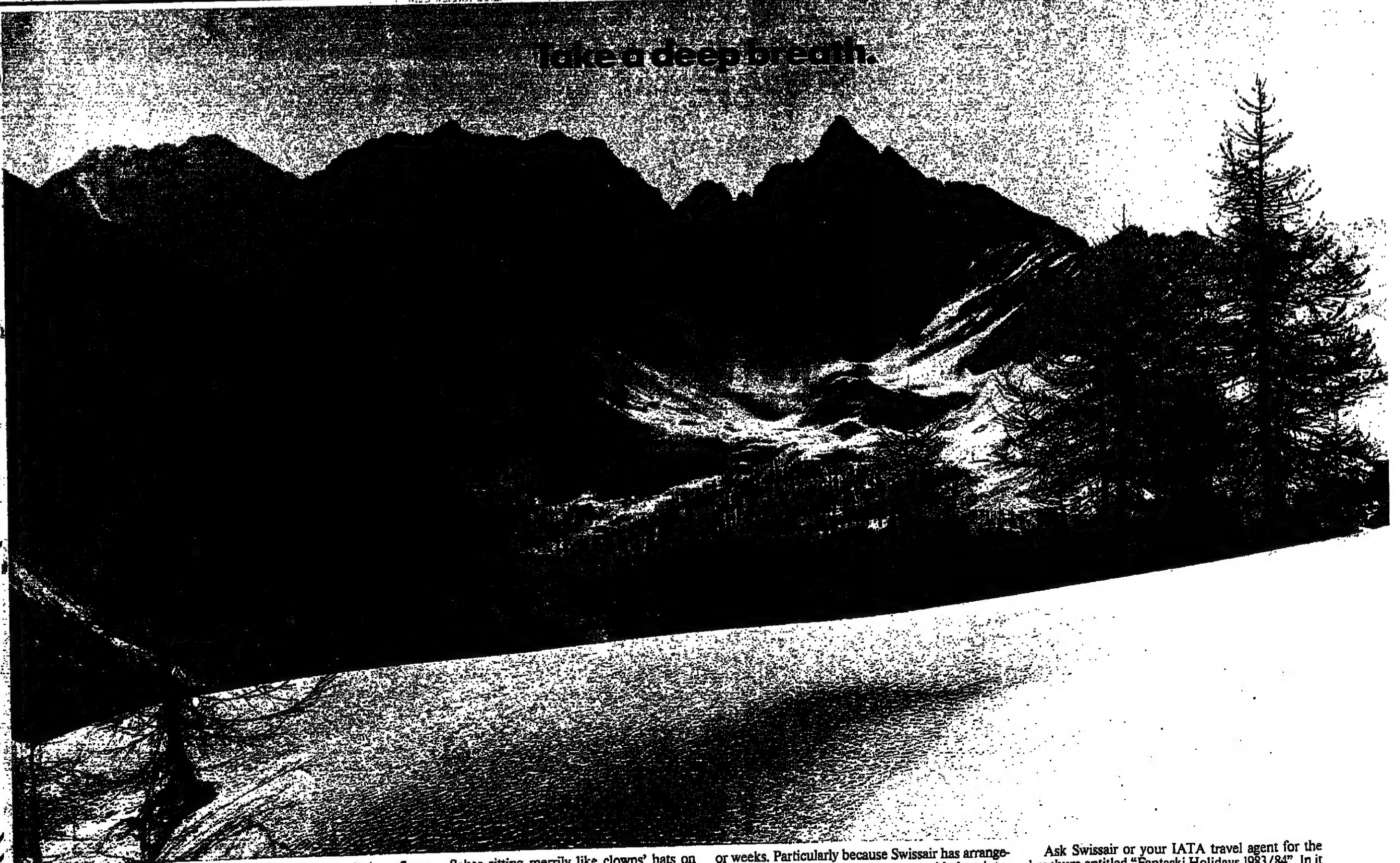
Increasing Jewish tourism is not merely a matter of economics but of bolstering Jewish identity and support for Israel, Sharir said. "Many things can be done — not all cost a lot of money or have to be brought to the cabinet for approval." He suggested the holding of an annual Diaspora salute-to-Israel parade in Jerusalem as one way of attracting Jewish tourists.

Initiated by the Tourism Ministry and the WZO, the council stems from a resolution at the 30th Zionist Congress a year ago to increase the number of Jews visiting Israel. The Zionist Council will join these two bodies in running the new voluntary body and provide funding along with the ministry.

Arye Tzimuki, head of the Zionist Council, said that more German Christians come to Israel every year than American Jews.

The new tourism council must not be another body established in a festive founding ceremony that later dissolves in a mine of inactivity, said its chairman Yitzhak Katubi.

The proposals made at the opening session to increase Jewish tourism included asking Israeli emissaries abroad to "encourage tourism," reducing the cost of some tour packages; giving discounts to the families of *bar mitzva* boys who come here to celebrate, bringing more Jewish single groups and couples celebrating their anniversaries.



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Afghan general killed as plane shot down

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — An Afghan army major-general and about 11 Afghan or Soviet officials were killed last week when guerrillas shot down their helicopter south of Kabul, western diplomats said here yesterday.

Major-General Mohammad Abdul Azim, commander of the army's eighth division, was travelling south in a Soviet-built Mi-8 escorted by four helicopter gunships when it was attacked, they quoted their embassies in Kabul as saying.

The resistance commander who planned the attack later told Reuters from his base in Peshawar

that guerrillas had used a captured Soviet missile to shoot down the helicopter. The commander, who asked that his name not be used, said it was a SA-7 missile but declined to elaborate on when or how it was captured.

A lack of anti-aircraft weapons has been a major weakness of the guerrillas against frequent air attacks by Soviet and Afghan aircraft.

The diplomats said the attack took place last Monday or Tuesday 15 kilometres south of the Afghan capital.

Those on board included several high-ranking army officers, Soviet

officials and agriculture ministry officials. They were flying south to visit the Ainaq copper mine in the nearby Logar Valley, the embassy reports said.

Azim, whose division is based near Karga, just northwest of Kabul, was buried on Wednesday in a funeral publicly announced by the state-controlled media, they said.

The diplomats said that shooting down the helicopter was the most spectacular of a series of intensified attacks in Kabul by the guerrillas opposed to the Soviet-backed government of President Babrak Karmal.

Jaruzelski swaps defence posts in cabinet shuffle

WARSAW (AP). — Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski stepped down as defence minister as expected yesterday, but he was re-elected chairman of the newly reorganized National Defence Council. This post gives him sweeping powers similar to those he held during the 19 months of martial law.

Jaruzelski also will retain his posts as prime minister and first secretary of the Communist Party. The new defence minister, former armed forces chief of staff Gen. Florian Siwicki, will be Jaruzelski's top deputy on the council. The council was reorganized Monday. It was given the power to declare and administer a new state of emergency. The council also has broad powers over the nation's political and economic life.

Parliament adopted by an overwhelming majority cabinet changes which Jaruzelski said were needed "to make the government work more effectively."

The key change was the appointment of an economist, Zbigniew Messner, to the newly created post of "coordinating" deputy prime minister to supervise the work of the other seven ministers holding that rank.

The current head of the Central Planning Commission, Janusz Obodowski, was replaced by Manfred Gorywoda, but will retain the post of deputy prime minister in charge of cooperation with other countries.

Two new cabinet ministers were also appointed, Lech Domaradzki as justice minister and Stefan Jarzelski as minister of the environment.

U.S., Soviets meet again on missiles

GENEVA (Reuters). — Soviet and U.S. negotiators met for one hour yesterday at a regular session of talks on limiting inter-continental strategic missiles, and will meet again next Tuesday, a U.S. spokesman said.

The Strategic Arms Reduction talks (START) are held in parallel with U.S.-Soviet negotiations here on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Yesterday's meeting was shorter than recent START sessions, which usually last more than two hours.

But U.S. sources said the negotiators continued discussions at a working lunch.

Five bombs explode in Corsican capital

AJACCIO (Reuters). — Corsican police yesterday reported five bomb attacks in Ajaccio, the capital of this Mediterranean island where separatists have launched a violent campaign against French rule.

The bombs exploded within minutes of each other Monday night in four private homes and a bank, but caused no injuries and only minor damage, police said.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but they were of the same type as those committed previously by militant separatists. Police said there have been 535 such attacks since the beginning of the year.

Naples Communists heavy losers in vote

ROME (Reuters). — Italy's five national coalition parties emerged largely unscathed from three local elections Monday, while the opposition Communist Party lost heavily in its stronghold of Naples.

The polling, in which the turnout among almost two million potential voters was lower than usual, was the country's first opportunity to express an opinion on the government coalition which came to power after national elections in June.

The Communists, Italy's second largest party, admitted that a drop of almost 5 per cent in their Naples poll was a heavy blow, but said they had paid the price of governing a city afflicted by housing shortages, unemployment and mafia crime.

Political analysts said the result was not necessarily a reflection of a possible national trend, as voters tend to apply different criteria when electing local governments.

Egyptian police seize eight tons of hashish

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egyptian police have seized about 8.7 tons of hashish worth about 50 million Egyptian pounds (\$60 million) in the biggest drug haul in Egypt in 25 years, Interior Minister Hassan Abu Basha said yesterday.

He told a news conference 11 smugglers, including a Yugoslav, a Moroccan and nine Egyptians, were caught near Port Said last Friday as they were trying to steer a privately owned boat to the tiny port of El-Tor on the western coast of the Sinai peninsula.

Abu Basha said the operation was masterminded by an Egyptian national living in Italy who had links with the Mafia. The drug, the minister said, was smuggled by boat from Lebanon.

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Tight security at Burma trial of Korean bombers

RANGOON (AP). — Two suspects, both with limbs amputated, staggered into a courtroom yesterday and were charged with murdering 19 people in a terrorist bombing against the South Korean leadership.

Security was tight as authorities brought in the two men, identified as North Korean army officers Major Zin Mo and Capt. Kang Mim Chul. Both are accused of involvement in a bombing attack on October 9 at the Martyr's Mausoleum in Rangoon where top South Korean leaders were gathered for a wreath-laying ceremony.

Burmese representatives of western news agencies, as well as the resident correspondents of Soviet and Chinese media, were allowed to witness the opening of the trial, which is scheduled to continue today when examination of prosecution witnesses begins.

Both officers were severely

wounded apparently while trying to commit suicide by exploding hand grenades during their capture.

An official of the Special Branch police read out six charge sheets against the defendants.

In addition to the murder charges, both face attempted murder charges for the wounding of police and civilians during their capture. They also are accused of illegal possession of weapons.

A murder conviction is punishable by death in Burma, while illegal possession of arms is punishable by 10 years' imprisonment.

Sixteen South Koreans and three Burmese were killed outright by the powerful explosive at the mausoleum. Two of the injured — a South Korean and a Burmese — died later, but are being counted among the wounded for the purposes of the trial and the resulting charge is attempted murder.

Seven are shot to death in Soviet plane hijack attempt

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Seven people were killed in a gun battle on a Soviet plane last Friday after eight young hijackers, including three women, tried to force it to fly to Turkey, informed Soviet sources said yesterday.

They said the group, which came aboard in a wedding party, evaded strict security to commandeer the plane after it took off from Tbilisi, the capital of Soviet Georgia, on an internal flight to the Black Sea port of Batumi.

Officials at Tbilisi airport control tower confirmed to Western reporters details of the incident, the 14th reported hijacking in the Soviet Union since 1970.

The sources, contacted in Tbilisi, said three crew members and three

passengers were killed in the shooting, which broke out after the pilots fooled the hijackers about their route and landed again at Tbilisi.

One hijacker who died is believed to have shot himself, the sources said.

They added that Georgian television announced the incident last weekend, but said only that a "number of people" had died.

The sources said the five men and three women hijackers included sons and daughters of prominent Georgian officials and cultural figures.

They boarded the plane with the bride and groom after a wedding party in Tbilisi.

U.S. passengers subdue hijacker

CHICAGO (AP). — A man who said he had a bomb commandeered a Republic Airlines DC-9 on Monday and demanded to speak to U.S. presidential contender Rev. Jesse Jackson, but was tackled and subdued by passengers, authorities said.

Four passengers were slightly injured during the scuffle. No bomb was found.

The passengers tied the man to the seats, using belts and anything else they could find, said passenger

Esther Ahlteen, a Swedish tourist. She said the man was "very incoherent."

The man, identified by authorities as Rasul Ali Shakir and also known as Russell Chappelle, 33, of Detroit, was taken off the plane and into custody by the FBI, who said Shakir is a bus driver for the Detroit department of transportation.

The man boarded the plane in Detroit and commandeered the plane while it was airborne.

Sweden bans S. African arms

STOCKHOLM (AP). — The Swedish government yesterday banned the import of arms from South Africa after halting what U.S. officials said was an illegal Soviet-bound shipment of sophisticated American computers, forbidden by U.S. law.

The ban was announced by the Swedish Trade Ministry officials only hours after Swedish customs officials opened and inspected four crates seized by the port of Helsingborg from a Swedish freighter out of South Africa.

The crates, weighing 23 tons, are

labeled "Electronic Equipment," Superintendent of Customs Gösta Ekdash in Helsingborg said he was under strict orders not to reveal any details of the Monday night inspection.

The new ban by Sweden takes effect today.

"This incident has brought to life a need for control of arms imported to Sweden," said Matt Hellstrom, Sweden's minister of foreign trade.

"It is important for Sweden as a neutral country not to be exploited as a transit area for illegal traffic of strategic goods."

Korchnoi's speed dazzles his opponent

LONDON (AP). — Soviet defector Victor Korchnoi yesterday played his first moves in the opening game of the World Chess Championships so quickly, that Gary Kasparov, wonder boy of Soviet chess and the world-ranked No. 2, put his hands to his brow to try to fathom what his opponent had in mind.

Kasparov resigned after 52 moves, and the epic shook hands before leaving the stage, marking a thaw in the tempestuous Korchnoi's relations with the Soviet chess world.

Korchnoi took only two minutes over his first dozen moves, while Kasparov, who had the white pieces and started the game, spent 80 minutes on his decisions.

Under neon lights on a low dais in a London hotel, and in front of 300 paying spectators and 100 officials and reporters, Korchnoi's fingers flashed over the board to play his black pieces in response to his opponent's moves.

"At the level of chess played by grandmasters like these, instantaneous moves are almost unheard of," said international chess master Robert Bellin, a former British champion, who is analyzing the games for the Associated Press.

Prince Philip gets conservation award

NEW DELHI (AP). — Britain's Prince Philip received a special award yesterday from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for his worldwide conservation efforts.

Prince Philip, who is the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, said in a speech he was delighted to accept the award, a copper plaque with an embossed tiger.

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Sports

Drab draw

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

HAIFA. — Maccabi Haifa and Shimshon Tel Aviv drew 1-1 yesterday, in a drab National League game played here before 6,000 spectators. The match was postponed ten days ago on account of the weather.

Moshe Selektor diverted Yehzekiel Shire pass into the Shimshon goal in the 58th minute, seemed that Haifa would be able to preserve this lead, but, with only three minutes left to play, Meir Be Shiret pounced on a bad error by Yaron Parzani, the Haifa stopper to equalize from close range.

W. Indian 'rebels' in S. Africa again

PRETORIA (AP). — As the reb West Indian Cricket tourists begin their second tour of South Africa, in defiance of the official cricket world's ban on playing with South Africa — a potential fuss is brewed because their wicketkeeper Day Murray wants his wife and baby join him in the Republic for Christmas.

A Johannesburg paper quoted Murray, originally of Barbados, saying "I'm looking forward to being with my wife on the tour. It be lovely to be together for Christmas."

The problem is that she is a wh Australian.

The reb West Indies cricketers played a game draw against Northern Transvaal yesterday in their opening three-day match of a month tour.

Scores: Northern Transvaal: 288/9 and 13 West Indies 153 and 183/5.

Billie is 40

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Billie Jean King's 40th birthday was another typical working day for Grand Old Lady of tennis yesterday. Winner of a record Wimbledon titles and 38 single doubles and mixed doubles Grand Slam events overall, King celebrated the milestone by preparing for the New South Wales championships. In between racing gifts from fellow-players and bunch of 40 long-stemmed red roses from the tournament organizer King still found the time for strenuous workout on the pract court.

King, one of tennis's all-time greats and still ranked 12th in the world, said: "I think older play will continue to make an impact on major tournaments. Being doesn't mean you can't be competitive."

Australian Elizabeth Say squeezed out a thrilling 6-3, 5-7, second-round victory over seeded Hana Madlikova of Czechoslovakia in the No. 1 Building Society Open \$150,000 Tennis Tournament at White City yesterday.

Sayers, 28, is ranked 96th in the WTA tour, the former French Open champion is No. 16 on the WTA computer.

The experienced Czech frequently uses Sayers with delaying tactics and complaints, the awarded player held on through a nerve close games before finally breaking serve in sixth game of the decisive set.

Junior Masters

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Tennis Centre's year-long Gali Grand Junior Circuit is now in its 6 stages, with 60 boys and girls from 3,000 starters in six age groups week fighting out the "Gri Masters" event at the ITC's Ruz Hasharon courts.

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End of a long journey

By ELI KAREV / Special to The Jerusalem Post

ensembles — and especially the Salzburg Trio — are dedicated to performing forgotten music for unconventional combinations.

"I never do things that other people do," he says. Scouting for repertoire, he went to monasteries and libraries and examined private collections all over Europe. "Some of them, such as the library of Wiener Musikfreunde, is difficult even to get to. Often, they are not aware of what they possess. Occasionally, a microfilm can be obtained; if not, you just copy the scores by hand."

His search has produced some striking results. The ensembles feature works by such composers as Johann Georg Backofen (1768-1839), Conrad Kreutzer (1780-1849), Frantisek Krommer (1799-1831), Peter von Winter (1754-1824), and Ferdinand Ries (1784-1838), all obscure names to modern ears, some not even mentioned in *Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians*. Contemporaries of Mozart and Beethoven, these musicians remained, in Doessekker's opinion, unjustly forgotten.

"We read a score through once and then decide. With about one-third of them, that's as far as we go. Yet there are many beautiful works of music which should be performed and enjoyed."

One of the pieces he recorded is Schubert's *The Shepherd on the Rock*, with a tenor instead of the customary soprano. According to the composer's letter, Doessekker maintains, the work had been intended for a male voice; but when the singer declined the part, Schubert dedicated it to a girl friend. With a tenor, "it is much more a piece of chamber music, since the parts of the singer and the clarinet overlap constantly. Of course, a subtle, lyric voice is needed."

DOESSEKKER is sharing some of his "discoveries" with Israeli audiences. Last summer, he presented *Six German Songs* for voice, clarinet and piano by Louis Spohr, while the concerto for two clarinets and orchestra by Backofen is scheduled to be performed later this season by the Holon Chamber Orchestra.

Doessekker's unorthodox outlook is not limited to the music he plays. The clarinet itself could do with some improvement, he says. "It is the youngest of the wind instruments, and its development is

not yet complete. Many unsolved problems remain."

He was amazed to learn that the biggest clarinet factory in France used equipment from the turn of the century, and that the state of the art wasn't radically different elsewhere. Encouraged by his teachers, and with four years of university physics behind him, Doessekker took up from scratch the craft of making clarinets.

The four patents he has taken out so far aim at more comfortable and efficient playing. One of his inventions is a mouthpiece with a mechanically regulated opening. The high-precision mechanism, produced by a watch factory, will eliminate the need for a large collection of mouthpieces, and make the reeds last longer; it will also allow the instrument to be adjusted to the player's level of proficiency.

Each of the 50-odd clarinets produced in Doessekker's Zurich workshop had its keys placed according to the shape and size of the hand of the artist who ordered it, and the timbre of its tone adapted to his taste.

DOESSEKKER's first visit to this country, in summer 1982, was prompted by yet another facet of his intellectual inquiry. When some 14 years ago he completed his formal musical schooling, Doessekker began to study modern history. The subject of his thesis at Zurich University was *Movement of Jewish Population in Central and Eastern Europe between the Two World Wars*.

The documents of the World Jewish Congress and the Leo Baeck Institute in London and the Institute of Jewish History in Paris formed the backbone of his work. Armed with academic letters of recommendation as well as his artistic credentials, Doessekker gained access to archives in Prague, Cracow and Katowice, and was able to examine boxes of documents not yet sorted out. He believes the material he collected sheds new light on some aspects of the Holocaust.

The research took three years and the abundant material enlarged the scope of the project immensely. "By then," he smiles apologetically, "I became so involved with my subject that the role of an objective scholar was impossible to maintain." His studies turned into something of a mission, and Doessekker decided to write a book as soon as he found the time.

But a serious illness forced him to change his plans overnight. Suddenly, he had to safeguard the fruits of his labour, and Israel seemed a natural address for depositing the materials. In coordination with Yehoshua Vaisman, Doessekker began ferrying his copies of the documents on his increasingly frequent visits here.

The encounter with the land and its people had a surprising effect on the artist-researcher. Being the holder of a pilot's licence, he took a long, careful look at the country from the air and found it "the most beautiful place in the world," a remarkable statement from



Bruno Doessekker-Wilkomirski...sharing his discoveries. (Rozanski)

someone who lives by the Alps. He has established burgeoning creative friendships with Israeli musicians, and intends to get an apartment in Jerusalem. "What's most impor-

An alarming hazard

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

IN THESE unbelievable times, when everybody worries themselves sick over their movable property and only the burglars actually get their eight hours of dreamless sleep undisturbed during the day, a growing hazard plagues the nation: the false alarm.

Time was when virtually only the banks and the biggest jewellers protected their premises with alarm systems. Most of them were anyway safely tucked away in the business districts, out of earshot of the ordinary citizen.

Today, everybody who is anybody — or strives to be — has a burglar alarm at home and/or the office. And whether they jangle an incessant bell or wait an endless siren they keep us tense and angry all day long.

Judging by the rising curve of the crimes against property graph, it seems it's only the burglars who aren't perturbed by the alarms.

Another, less well-known statistic shows that nearly 90 per cent of alarms sounded are, in fact, false alarms — so our suffering isn't even in good cause.

The large number of false alarms can be attributed to poor systems, faulty installation or human error in setting. Professor Shimon Braun, who heads the Technion's Laboratory for Alarm and Security Systems in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Add to this the growing number of shrieking systems installed in private cars, many of which are activated by the slightest touch, usually by kids or even the wind, and you've got noise pollution practically around the clock.

Suppressing it should come under the provisions of the Kanowitz Law, an admirable piece of legislation passed by the Knesset nearly 20 years ago, but never really enforced.

The big money premises, like the banks, have their alarms hooked up directly to the nearest police station, and when they go off — accidentally or because there is an actual attempt to break in — the police arrive within minutes and see the alarm is turned off.

Not so with ordinary stores, offices and private homes, although some more affluent homeowners are getting themselves hooked up to private security firms, who should turn off the alarm when they arrive to check.

THE TECHNION laboratory, whose activities are financed by the police, advises alarm system manufacturers, of which there are quite a few in Israel, on how to improve their products. "But we have no control over the installation," notes Professor Braun, and the finest system is no better than the way it's installed.

There is no standard as yet to govern the quality of alarm systems, but the laboratory has written up a list of specifications and the police enforces them for the systems hooked up to them, over which they can exert some control.

Insurance companies insist on alarm systems when insuring certain types of business and private premises, but, as they offer no bonus for superior, carefully installed systems, there is usually little incentive to buy anything but the cheapest available.

To qualify for police approval, a system must meet the laboratory's specifications and pass a rigorous test, according to Braun and his assistant, Michael Lehmann. They visit manufacturers, pick a system at random and test it in their lab for a whole year. As systems get more sophisticated, incorporating the ubiquitous microcomputer, the tests become more rigorous, including such factors as resistance to radio and radar interference that might set them off. However, these tests still only cover a small proportion of the more reliable manufacturers.

DOES AN alarm system really keep burglars away? After all, all it does is make a lot of noise.

Tasteless 'treat'

LISTENING IN... / Ze'ev Schul

legislative bodies to scorn and laughter" in an interview last Wednesday.

Of course, Mr. Sarid isn't the only one who had changed his style. I can think of a long list, headed by one of the deputy prime ministers. Sometimes the results are quite funny. One man, however, who will not give his Hebrew a face-lift is the Aguda's Avraham Shapira, who plods along in his basic Hebrew, getting the genders of his nouns mixed up, his sing-song intonation radiating placating "sha-shas."

On the subject of premature disclosures, I agree wholeheartedly with Yitzhak Livni, a former *Bamahane* editor, who said that those responsible for the paper should make up their minds whether they want a legitimate army newsmagazine, capable of standing up to whatever competition there is, or a public relations handout.

I used to admire Sarid's sabra personality. He was so refreshingly devoid of all mannerisms, with an idiomatic way of expressing himself — far from his "You have just exposed one of this country's supreme

Tasteless 'treat'

Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law. Ruth was, in spite of everything, a gentle girl — unlike Potiphar's wife, for instance, who desired Joseph against his will and caught him by his smock.

Anyway, Ruth remains one of the best excuses for mixed marriages.

King David is portrayed as quite a scoundrel, first shooting poor Michal and then, when she is handed over to Paltiel Ben Laish, wanting her back — even though old Paltiel is madly in love with Saul's daughter and would like nothing better than to be able to cherish her for ever more.

I CONSULTED my favourites Tiberias sources about the new 151,000 note, which bears the likeness of that great physician and scholar, Maimonides, on one side, and a picture of Tiberias on the other. There is also a printing error somewhere on the note.

"It wasn't the only mistake the Treasury made," my source told me. "Our economy is beyond the healing powers of Maimonides. They should have used a picture of Rabbi Meir Baal Hanes, who is also buried in Tiberias, instead."

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Kibbutz pioneers industry based on discarded bottles

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Another step in the industrialization of Kibbutz Yagur was taken this week with the opening of its "sinterization" factory. This process with the novel name turns discarded bottles into a virtually unbreakable glass substance which can withstand the weather much better than plaster, and which can replace ceramic, stone and marble as covering for outside walls.

This is the third plant in the kibbutz, the others make plastic tubes and tin cans. Members are now looking around for another factory to invest in.

At present only 100 of the 800 members, work in agriculture, while 150 work in industry which supplies more than half of the settlement's income. Another 550 members mainly work in services, some of them outside of the kibbutz.

The "sinterization" process, which was patented in Prague by Moshe Friedrich in 1959, has many other uses, such as wall coverings, and even floors in plants using corrosive chemicals. Friedrich settled here in 1964 and is not a member of the kibbutz. He noted that his

process can also be used to create insulation material for the electronics industry and for home insulation.

Hagai Teffer, who will manage the new plant, said that it would employ 15 persons in one shift. It will need only another three persons to run a second shift.

The factory would need about 2,000 tons of raw material (mostly discarded beer, wine and liqueur bottles) a year. Each ton of raw material would cost only \$30 to \$35.

The process produces small squares of the material, 225 of which are lightly glued onto a 30 by 30 centimeter panel. Any colour can be produced, and the panels can be of mixed colours. Even mosaic designs can be produced.

The panels are pressed into a wall specially prepared with an adhesive material and then the paper backing on which the squares are mounted is peeled away.

There are almost 11 panels in each square metre, and a metre will cost the consumer about \$15. It costs an additional \$8 to attach the material to the wall.

Some \$2 million was invested in setting up and equipping the plant.



A schoolboy completes construction of a giant owl, representing scholastic achievement, using Lego building blocks. New Lego school sets are now on display at the Alpha-Beta exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

Securities Authority severely understaffed Investors did not get required protection

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Securities Authority in the Finance Ministry does not have the necessary resources to fulfill its duties as protector of investors in the stock market. This is the main conclusion of a committee of experts which has examined the Authority.

The committee stressed that while the volume of shares registered on the exchange rose by 185 per cent between 1974 and 1982, and while the number of prospectuses issued every year increased from 10 to 145, the staff of the authority rose only from 14 to 16.

"Given the large disproportion between the number of workers employed, the physical conditions under which they have to work and the tremendous increase in the amount of work they had to do, the authority was not able in every case to provide investors with the protection the law entitles them to," the committee said.

The committee found two main areas which suffered from the

authority's understaffing. Periodic financial reports by firms whose shares traded at the exchange were not properly examined, and the principle of full disclosure in prospectuses was not adequately enforced in every case.

The authority was found inadequate in the degree of protection it afforded investors in the secondary market. Since it could not exercise proper control over this market, manipulative operations took place which resulted in losses to investors.

The lack of resources at the disposal of the authority resulted in inefficient use of such information as did reach it. The pressure on staffs was so great that they could not adapt themselves to changing conditions. Thus the authority could not initiate legislation needed to update trading conditions in the market.

The entire issue of the staff shortage at the authority and its inability to cope with its task will be raised this week at the Knesset Finance Committee. The authority has asked the committee to enlarge its budget and to approve an increase in its workforce.

Haifa businessmen want package deal

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — The Haifa Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday came out in favour of a "package deal" between the government, the business community and the Histadrut as the best way of preventing recession and unemployment, and of braking inflation.

At its 47th annual general meeting the chamber also called on the Treasury and the Bank of Israel to moderate their drastic limitations of credit, which was likely to cause higher prices and inflation.

The chamber, which has 600 members, resolved to support a policy of belt-tightening and called on the public to lower its standard of living, to save and live modestly.

The resolution called on the authorities to direct investors to Haifa for the building of hotels and the opening of businesses in the Kishon harbour free zone. Foreign investors have now shaken off their fear of the Arab boycott and it was possible to interest them in Israeli projects, the statement said.

On the local level, the chamber called on the staff of Haifa port to give customers the red carpet treatment in order to help it hold its own against the competition of Ashdod port. Chamber members also want City Hall to remove all peddlers from downtown's Rehov Ha'atzmaut, reviving the street's standing as one of the country's finest business areas.

Soviet Union offers to deliver petroleum gas to India

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — India's Minister of State for Energy, Gargi Shankar Mishra, said the Soviet Union has offered to construct a pipeline to supply natural gas to India.

Mishra said the Soviet Union was exporting natural gas to Western Europe and there were possibilities of diverting the gas through the Central Asian region to India.

The Soviet Union is India's major trading partner and one of its main sources of imported crude oil and petroleum products.

CORRECTION

The Seaview housing project in Bat Yam, described on this page yesterday, is planned for middle-aged persons and not the elderly, as stated.

EC aid only to Greek-ruled Cyprus

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Community yesterday accelerated plans to increase economic aid for the Greek-dominated government of Cyprus and keep the breakaway Turkish side of the island from getting any of it.

Diplomatic sources said representatives from the 10 EC foreign ministries agreed at a meeting to ask the body's executive commission to work on plans for a customs union and other economic benefits for the Cyprus government of President Spyros Kyprianou.

The EC delegates also asked the commission to devise a plan to

make sure the independent northern Cyprus state declared last week by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş gets no trade benefits from the EC.

An official said that specific economic sanctions against the Turkish Cypriot regime were not discussed at the session, but participants agreed that "the fact of the unilateral declaration of independence would have inevitable consequences for EC-Cyprus trade."

At UN headquarters in New York, Cyprus' President Spyros Kyprianou met with Secretary-

ILLEGAL PARKING

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the motorist only half a minute to a minute in driving time, he said.

The main cause of the country's high road accident rate is the driver, he said. A ministry study showed that the average driver violates traffic regulations at least 2,000 times a year without getting a ticket, he said.

He admitted that not enough money has been invested in the road system to cope with the great increase in the number of vehicles. Last year alone, 90,000 new drivers got licences, he said. The road building and improvement budget is today one-third less than it was several years ago. This year's budget is ISL.5 billion and another

ISS-156b, is needed spread out over a number of years. This extra sum could be covered by an additional levy on all cars, he said.

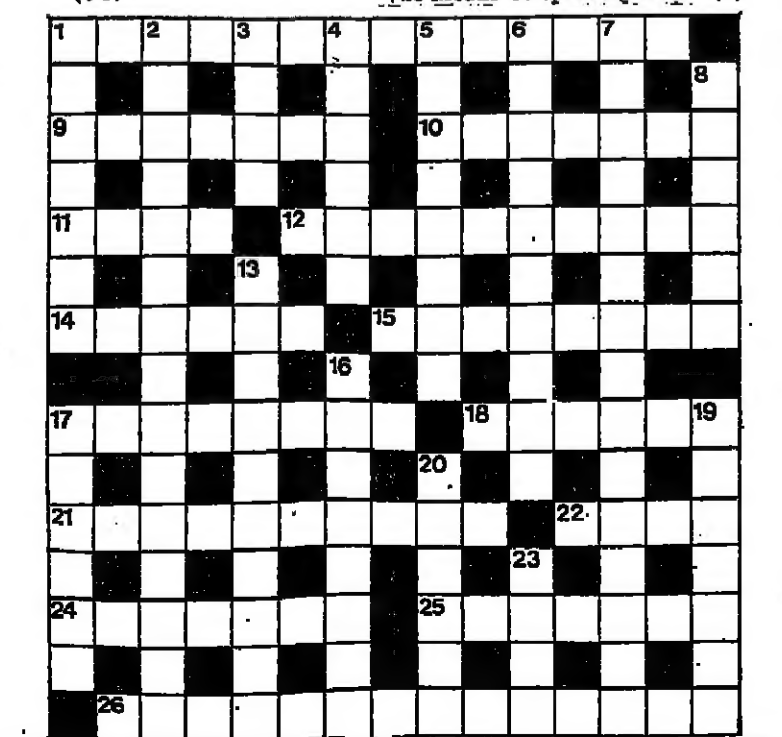
On the future of public transport, Corfu said his ministry is working on a plan to set up a semi-public roof organization covering the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives and the government-owned railroad. This semi-public concern will run the public transport system, he said.

Corfu said that interurban buses must leave on schedule even if some seats are empty. About many interurban buses with passengers standing in the aisles, the minister said: "This is a free country, the passenger can either wait for another bus if he wants a seat, or hop on a bus with standing room only if he is in a hurry."



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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Polished, 7 Flaws, 8 Expertise, 9 Lie, 10 Plan, 11 Occult, 12 Fodder, 14 Scarce, 17 Pathetic, 18 Piccadilly, 20 Repulsive, 22 Trace, 24 Pleasant. DOWN: 1 Piece, 2 Lapland, 3 Sore, 4 Syringe, 5 Vain, 6 Ampere, 7 Felicia, 8 Restless, 13 Frantic, 15 Retire, 16 Compel, 17 Fleet, 19 Plent, 21 Pica.

QUICK SOLUTION

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Mitzpe Ramon housing design may set tone for whole country

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A prize-winning plan for a 100-unit apartment building in the Negev desert town of Mitzpe Ramon could set the tone for the construction of super-efficient housing throughout the country.

The search for such a plan began six years ago, when two government ministries — housing, construction and energy/infrastructure — jointly sponsored a contest for the design of the structure. Mitzpe Ramon was chosen because it is being enlarged to provide homes for thousands of civilians working for the Israel Defence Forces in the Negev, as well as military personnel who will be assigned to the Ramon military airfield under construction near the town.

The winning plan was submitted by the architectural firm of Arye Rahmimov, and the housing ministry has undertaken to order the detailed plan for the first building from him.

All entrants in the contest were told to take into consideration such features as protection from cold winds in the winter, proper ventilation and protection from overheating in the summer. Energy conservation through the use of solar heating was also demanded.

Altogether, 40 architects submitted plans. Besides Rahmimov, others won honorable mention, were requested to submit detailed plans for alternative solar heat systems.

In addition to professional architects, students of architecture were invited to offer theoretical building plans. Several of them were judged to be so good that they will be presented at next month's sixth international congress of Association of Engineers & Architects, in Tel Aviv.

Prof. Dan Zaslavsky, chief scientist at the ministry of energy and infrastructure, headed the commission.

EC to help upgrade Beirut water supply

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Community and Lebanon yesterday signed an accord granting 20 million European Currency Units (\$16.8m.) towards the cost of upgrading Beirut's water supply system.

The upgrading of the Beirut water supply system consists of pumping and piping water from wells south of the city.

The EC funds will pay for construction of pumping stations and reservoirs and the laying of pipes. The Lebanese government will pay for the pipes and the appropriation of land.

Oman oil minister asks for Japan's help

TOKYO (AP). — Oman Oil Minister Said Ahmad Al-Shanfari yesterday met Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and asked Japan's economic assistance for his country's irrigation programme and other development projects, officials said.

Shanfari said his country is spending half of its national budget to protect the Straits of Hormuz, serving Japan's interest. Nakasone replied he understood well the strategic importance of Gulf country and promised to support Oman's request for economic assistance.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8:15 Children's 8:30 Elementary School Literature 9:00 English 9:20 Spoken Arabic 4-5 9:55 Special Education 10:15 English 6 10:30 Pretty Butterfly 11:00 Literature 7-9 12:05 English 7 12:30 English 9 13:00 Science 9-12 13:30 English 9 15:00 Cartoon about Spain in the Middle Ages 15:25 Gala Evening (part 2) 16:10 The Cruise (6:25 Summer Set) 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 Smurfs
18:00 Two Together — bi-weekly quiz introduced by Sali Rivlin
ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18:30 News roundup
18:32 The Land of Dolls
18:45 Inventions and Innovations
19:00 Between Citizen and State
19:30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a news roundup
20:02 Tili Pop — pop and entertainment magazine
21:00 Mahab Nawestel
21:30 Moked
22:05 The Good Guys and the Bad Guys. Burt Kennedy's 1969 Western comedy-drama stars Robert Mitchum and George Kennedy
23:30 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17:40 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:30 (JTV) Richtig Rich 19:00 News in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 The Company 21:10 Documentary 22:00 News in English 22:15 Hill Street Blues

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6:02 Musical Clock
7:07 Rossini: Wilhelm Tell Overture; Weber-Berlioz: Invitation to the Dance (New York, Bernstein); Chopin: Ballade No. 4, Op. 52 (Minda Katz); De Falla: The Three Corners Hat, Ballet Music; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4, Op. 58 (Radu Lupu, Israel Philharmonic, Yehudi Menuhin); Bach: Suite No. 2 (Nicolaus Aronowich); Haydn: Symphony No. 100 (Munich); Prokofiev: Lieutenant Kijé, Op. 66; Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 5, on a minor, K. 219 (David Oistrakh, Berlin); Beethoven: Symphony No. 3, Op. 55 (New York, Bernstein)
12:00 From the Stage Library
13:05 Music for Dance and the Stage
15:00 The History of Music
15:30 Youth Programme
16:00 Musical Dictionary
16:30 The Radio Stuttgart Symphony Orchestra, Gustav Koenig conducting, with Christian Altenburger, violin — Brahms: Violin Concerto, Op. 77; Brahms-Schoenberg: Piano Quartet, Op. 25, arranged for orchestra
18:00 Jose Hayden — the birth of the sonnet (part 8)
19:05 Bach: Partita No. 2 (Perلمان); Goluppi: Magnificat
20:00 Musica Viva — Anton Webern: Symphony (London Symphony, Boulez) — to be played three times

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Jungle of Women; Edison: War Games; Hahamba: Trading Places 4, 6, 45; 9: Kfir: Short Romance; Mithkali: Murderous Summer 6, 45, 9:15; Orion: Man, Woman and Child; Orna: Blue Lagoon; Ron: Gregory's Girl; Semadar: Officer and Gentleman 7, 9:15; Blayzel: Ha'mas: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence 6, 45, 9: Cinema One: Triple feature! (note: Start the Revolution Without Me 6:30; Bananas 8:15; Cat Balou 9:45; Cinema 2: The Chase 7; La Cite de l'Indicible Peur 7:30 (small hall); Palm Reuch 9:30; Israel Museum: Annie 6, 45, 9
TEL AVIV 4, 7, 9, 15, 20
Alamy: Trail of the Pink Panther; Be-Yasod: Lone Wolf Macquerie; Cinema: Trading Places 4, 7, 9, 40; Cinema 2: Officer and Gentleman 4, 7, 9, 40; Cinema 3: Blue Thunder 4, 7, 9, 30; Cinema 4: Cannery Row 4, 7, 9, 30; Cinema 5: Big Georgia 10, 30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Cinema One: First Blood: Dekel; Max Duggan Returns 7:15, 9:30; Dore: Breathless 7:15, 9:30; Flash Gordon 5:30; Sex film, midnight; Esther: New York Nights; Galt: Psycho II 4, 30, 7, 9:30; Gorka: Pantan 4, 30, 7, 9:30; Heor: Baby Love 4, 30, 7, 9:30; Local Hero 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Lev

**II: The Way We Were 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:30; Llanor: Le Choix des Armes 4:30, 9:30; Mazlan: Yanks; Mithkali: Games 4:30, 9:30; Orly: A Dandy Summer 4:15, 7, 9:30; Parts: Nagus 10, 12, 7:15, 9:30; Pasa: Merry Christmas / Lawrence: Shafat: Flash Dance; Shul Class; Tebbel: My Favourite Year; Aviv Museum: Yd; Zafar: To Be Again; Yarnat: Eighty Three 9:30.
HAIFA 4, 6, 45, 9
Amphitheatre: Veron; Arnon: Psycho Arnon: New York Nights 6, 45, 9; Cinema Flash Dance; Galt: Bird With Crystal Wing 10, 2, 6; Passion Part 12, 4; H: Mariah: Hopscotch 6, 45, 9; Or: Breathless; Orion: Desire for Happiness; nonstop; Orly: War Games 6, 45; Peeri: Local Hero; Ron: Up Your Ansh Shaviv: To Begin Again 6, 45, 9
RAMAT GAN
Arnon: Son of Gervilla 4; Py 9:30; Liby: Class 7:15, 9:30; Orna: Places 4, 7:15, 9:15; Orly: Bl 7:15, 9:30; Ramat Gan: War Games 9:30
HERZLIYA
David: Year of Living Dangerously 9:30; Threat: Midnight Express 7
HOLON
Migdal: War Games 7:15, 9:30; Tulip 4:30; Savory: Tootsie 4, 7:15**

لحظة على الألف

Shares show signs of heating up

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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

The index-linked bond market began to show signs of improvement after several sessions of mixed prices. Short-term fully-linked bonds were either stable or reflected gains of up to three percent.

The shekel was devalued by the relatively modest margin of 10 agorot. The dollar weakened yesterday on European currency markets.

Bank shares not part of the "agreement" enjoyed rising prices. The Maritime Bank shares were both 10 percent gainers. The Danot shares advanced by as much as five percent, while FIBI was gaining 7.4 percent.

Mortgage bank issues were slightly lower, but price movement was restricted to less than three percent, in either direction.

Among specialized financial institutions the shares of the Federation of Contractors were established as "buyers only."

Insurance stocks were slightly lower, but several issues came through with substantive gains. Ararat 0.5 was eight percent higher, while Securitas tacked on nearly seven percent. Yardenia 0.1 was 7.7 percent lower.

Commercial Banks

The service and trade group was ahead. Teta 5 was 10 percent higher, while Yavne gained 5.4 percent. Nikuv Computers roared ahead by 10 percent.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues were also improved. Isralom was a 10 percent gainer, while Shen-Har rose by nine percent.

Industrials attracted investment interest and prices generally advanced by comfortable margins. Elbit Computers gained 1.2 percent, but Elron Electronics was 10 percent higher. Arit, also classified as a high-tech company, recorded a 10 percent gain. Other 10 percent winners included Tadir Cement, Yashil 0.5, Vitalgo, Sdom Steel, Yashil 1, Modal Investments, Scandia and Eagle 1. Dafnon 1 and Tromastabos 1 were nipped for 10 percent losses.

Investment company securities also came in for their share of gains. Investment of Paz picked up 10 percent. Elgar was also a 10 percent gainer. Clal Industries rose by 4.9 percent. Piryon clipped in with a 7.8 percent rise.

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The lesser evil

AS MATTERS stand, it appears that the citizenry will soon start paying the proposed IS700 monthly index-linked education levy.

A good case could be made against the levy. For one thing it is discriminatory: it applies not to the entire population but only to parents with children in school from compulsory kindergarten to 12th grade, regardless of the number of schoolchildren in the family. It will also be very hard to collect. At the moment no qualified government agency is willing to take on the responsibility, and this includes the Income Tax Administration and the National Insurance Institute.

Moreover, the levy may be viewed as a violation of the law on free — and compulsory — elementary state education. Besides, it has already proved to be highly unpopular.

It is the unpopularity of the proposed levy that must have induced Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to entertain what is described as "second thoughts" on the subject. Mr. Hammer, a leader of the NRP, cannot help but think politically. He must surely be well aware that his party is currently way down in the public opinion polls, and he doubtless suspects, and rightly so, that the levy might lose it more votes on the next balloting day.

In any case, Mr. Hammer has found it advisable to request the Education Ministry's directorate to consider ways of slashing one billion shekels from the education budget in lieu of the levy. This has provoked near mutiny among ministry officials who are desperate about a budget already cut to ribbons.

Just yesterday a set of education budget cuts went into effect that should save the Treasury IS600 million. The saving would be effected by putting students to work on school maintenance, reducing support for student bus transportation to regional schools, hiring substitute teachers only after the fourth day of a regular teacher's absence, and paring down after-school activities. These cuts, however unpleasant, may be viewed as the necessary contribution of the country's school system to the national belt-tightening.

Further cuts in education, however, would mean fewer hours in elementary schools. They could result in kids returning home from school one hour before they do now.

Yet if the levy is indeed shelved, there will be no escape from these further, anti-educational cuts. For a way must somehow be found to pay for the increased teachers' salaries envisaged in the four-year-old Etzioni Commission recommendations, which were finally approved last week. The main purpose of the recommendations was to make teaching a more attractive profession for ambitious young women and, especially, men to engage in.

Higher salaries alone will certainly not achieve this purpose. Part of the burden of teaching today is represented by immoderately large classes, and these are not about to be reduced in size, despite an Etzioni recommendation to this effect.

The one important reduction that is being canvassed, and that Mr. Hammer is willing to countenance, is in school hours. The absurdity is glaring. The teachers themselves should protest against a plan to improve their pay by shrinking their students' scholarly opportunities. Parents, for their part, will no doubt prefer the education levy, for all its faults. And they are likely to get it, too.

Election fears

IT IS NOT the fault of the opposition that a move for early national elections is unlikely to obtain the necessary absolute majority of Knesset Members at this time.

The Likud, as a bloc, has no present interest in seeking a renewal of its popular mandate. The times are hard, and the people's faith in government leadership is somewhat shaky. The Likud would rather get first on the road to economic recovery. Some individual Likud deputies have previously indicated dissent from their party's consensus on this point, but most of them are now back in the fold. The smaller coalition parties are definitely election shy, at the moment.

This is understandable. Such parties as the NRP and Agudat Yisrael stand to lose, not gain, from advancing the date of the elections. The NRP is playing coy, pretending to be willing to support the idea if it pleased the Likud, but knowing it would not. The one surprise is Tami, which only a few months ago seemed eager to push for an immediate dissolution of parliament. Now it has discovered that early elections "would be a disaster because of the spending and useless infighting they would trigger."

Since an early-elections bill cannot be resubmitted for another six months, it makes sense for the opposition to preserve its parliamentary ammunition for a more auspicious occasion. But the Alignment and Shinui would have done better to make a careful calculation of their prospects before kicking up as much fuss as they have done lately about their intention to move for early elections.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS A WOMAN worker demolishing a house in Leningrad discovered that one of the bricks in a bedroom

fireplace was solid gold, a Soviet newspaper reported recently.

The woman was suspicious because the brick was much heavier than the others, and when she rubbed it a tsaist crest emerged, the trade union daily *Trud* said.

It turned out to be a 3.47 kilo gold bar produced in 1917 and apparently concealed for safekeeping.

Under Soviet law finders of treasure are rewarded with 25 per cent of its value. At present western prices the brick would be worth more than \$46,000, but as the official Soviet gold price is much lower, the woman will gain about 3,000 rubles (\$4,000).

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PLO CHAIRMAN Yasser Arafat now stands in Tripoli with his back to the sea, glancing anxiously over his shoulder towards the horizon for signs of a French rescue ship.

Arafat still boasts "Next year in Jerusalem" before foreign television cameras, but the only believable lines in his dramatic decline are his cries for assistance to French President Francois Mitterrand.

As a result of Syrian support, the PLO rebels under Abu Musa have already decided the outcome of the battle. Moreover, Arafat's last stand in Tripoli is also the last gasp of the PLO as we know it.

Contrary to popular belief, the rebellion against Arafat was not sparked off by his talks with King Hussein last April and May. Arafat presented the results of these talks to the PLO's institutions, and he accepted their negative verdict without protest.

Arafat also accepted most of the rebels' demands, which included far-reaching reforms and a more extreme line. But they were furious over appointments that Arafat had made within Fatah.

HOWEVER, the real background to the revolt against Arafat must be sought in the PLO's increasing orientation towards the United States.

This change in PLO strategy was unacceptable both to the Soviet Union and to Syria. No wonder, then, that Soviet leader Yuri Andropov ignored Arafat's frantic appeal for aid once the terrorist's situation worsened.

This scenario was foreseen by Arafat's assistant Abu Iyyad, who said last month: "No one should expect that the Kremlin will stand by Arafat, due to the strategic interdependence of Syria and the Soviet Union."

Indeed, U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said early this month that "the demise of Arafat will render the PLO less American."

King Hussein, too, may be pleased by Arafat's debacle, despite the campaign waged by the Jordanian media against the PLO rebels and their Syrian patrons. After all,

A chance for peace

By AMNON DOTAN

Hussein has never sought to shield the PLO from any of the blows aimed at it.

Nor will the PLO ever forget how Hussein slaughtered members of the Palestinian terrorist organizations in Jordan during the "Black September" of 1970, or how he stood by in 1976 when the Syrians — with the enthusiastic aid of the Maronite Christians — took their turn to slaughter the PLO in Lebanon. And Hussein stood by yet again during the past year when Israel wiped out the PLO "state within a state" in Southern Lebanon.

IN FACT, the Jordanian monarch himself supplied a rationale for all this during a conversation last summer with American representatives.

"Only if the crisis in the PLO worsens and deepens, and the PLO is paralyzed politically, can Jordan become more active in the (peace) negotiations, particularly with regard to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip," Hussein said.

With Arafat apparently on the verge of total defeat, the Americans have taken Hussein up on this: "The PLO is not what it was before, and this must give the king food for thought," Eagleburger is reported to have said earlier this month.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz also praised King Hussein when he addressed American Jewish leaders in Atlanta on Sunday for his courage in asking publicly whether the PLO could continue to represent the Palestinians once the Syrians had taken it over.

Now Hussein has accepted the challenge. He has moved to reconstitute the Jordanian parliament — with Palestinian representatives — which he had dissolved after the 1974 Rabat summit which recognized the PLO as the sole

legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

What may follow now was actually described last June by Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali when he said during an interview in Paris that the PLO could no longer be regarded as aiding in the solution of the Palestinian problem.

In view of the rebellion and the PLO's internal divisions, said Ali, the inhabitants of the occupied territories must organize themselves into a force and call on Hussein to join the peace process.

SO HOW HAVE the Palestinians in the territories reacted to the media's daily reports of the PLO's internecine slaughter?

Most of the pro-PLO organizations and figures in the territories have expressed support — some more, some less — for Arafat. The campuses and the editorial offices of newspapers in East Jerusalem are the real points of focus of this support.

Pictures of Arafat were held up and PLO flags unfurled during demonstrations at the universities in Nablus, Bethlehem, and Bir Zeit, as well as at the Islamic College in Gaza.

It should be remembered that campus agitation has served to point out and legitimize the way for the other extremist elements in the territories.

Yet under Israel's new coordinator for the territories, Tat-Aluf Binjamin ("Fuad") Ben-Eliezer, the Israeli security forces actually stood by, making no efforts to nip the pro-Arafat campus agitation in the bud.

Furthermore, the Israeli authorities in Gaza actually coordinated their "response" with the heads of the Islamic College during the demonstration there on November 8.

It is not surprising that disorders

spread to Nablus, Tulkarm and Ramallah. Fuad's legitimization of pro-Arafat agitation by non-intervention on the campuses actually led to the subsequent tragic shootings of demonstrators elsewhere.

IN CONTRAST to the noisy show of support for Arafat, the support displayed in the territories for PLO rebel leader Abu Musa was restrained and poorly organized. It consisted mainly of the distribution of unsigned leaflets by children.

These leaflets attacked Arafat's leadership of the PLO as "treasonable, dissolute and self-enriching at the expense of the Palestinian people." And they asserted that "there are more than one million Abu Musas."

The communists have maintained a low profile on this issue, neither criticizing Abu Musa and the Syrians, nor siding with Arafat. However, by not taking Arafat's side in his hour of truth, the communists in the territories have actually demonstrated their tacit acquiescence in the Syrian maneuver.

As for the Moslem clergy, no statements have appeared in the press in the territories except from the aging Mufti of Jerusalem, Saad al-Din al-Alami, who is known for his strong opposition to Assad.

Among the West Bank newspapers, the Libyan- and Iraqi-financed *al-Mithaq* has consistently supported Abu Musa, mainly in unsigned articles.

One public figure, the mayor of Beit Sahur, signed an anti-Arafat article in *al-Mithaq*, but the former mayor of Ramallah, Karim Khalaf, gave Arafat his unconditional support and was critical of the Syrians in *al-Fajr*. Bassam Shaka'a, the former mayor of Nablus, published nothing against the Syrians.

In an appearance on Israeli Television, the former Jordanian

defence minister Anwar Nusseibeh described the conflict around Tripoli as an ordinary internal agreement. In another television appearance, he called the drama around Tripoli "a legitimate natural process of internal criticism." Nusseibeh has thus least legitimized Abu Musa's rebellion.

BUT WHAT IS most striking in a survey of the present scene in the territories is the fact that no figures have rushed to the cameras to take their place before the microphones, in contrast to the way they used to line up to proclaim their orthodoxy.

Clearly, the unrest in the territories since the beginning of PLO's civil war has been purely local, and only a limited portion of the populace has taken part.

The situation today proves more — as did the general last response in the territories to Israel's campaign in Lebanon — that PLO and the Palestinians are one and the same thing, and that one should accept the PLO's position that it is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

As rebellion and internal agreement further sap the PLO's strength, and as the organization appears more and more as a puppet of the Syrians, so the importance of the inhabitants of the territories increases in any calculation of probability that Jordan will join now-deadlocked peace process.

But the longer Israel delays recognizing those moderate Palestinians on the West Bank who see a realistic alternative to PLO and to enter into negotiations with us, the more we can expect a revival of the PLO's strength — not in Beirut or in the Bekaa valley — but in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Can the Likud government meet this urgent political challenge or will Israel let slip the best chance for a solution to the Middle East conflict since 1967?

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Apparent moderation

By MISHA LOUVISH

manner, that counts. No one in Israel would hold Shamir's violent past against him, but it is disturbing to find him presenting the PLO with, at least, a pragmatic justification for the use of terrorism as a political weapon — even if he would rule out action against "civilians," narrowly defined to include only those "unconnected with government."

This attitude would seem to mark out as fair game, not only hostile foreign statesmen like Lord Moynie, against whom Shamir made a very dubious case (the infamous remark "What shall we do with a million Jews?" was reportedly made, not by him, but by someone in his entourage — see Gideon Hausner's *Justice in Jerusalem*, p. 239), but ambassadors as well.

In Shamir's appearance on TV's *Moked*, there were indications,

behind the apparent moderation, of something like the same ideological rigidity. He said, reassuringly, that "we are approaching the end of Operation Peace for Galilee," and promised that Israeli forces will withdraw from Lebanon "in the near future." But then, in response to the courteous, but penetrating, questions of Ya'acov Ahimeir and Yoram Ronen, he made it clear that this will not happen until "the simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign forces."

THIS CONDITION turned the prime minister's assurances into misleading verbiage. It is surely obvious that the Syrians have no intention of withdrawing from Lebanon in the foreseeable future; nor is anyone likely to drive them out by force. If Mr. Shamir sticks to his guns, it looks as if our troops are go-

ing to stay in Lebanon until the Messiah comes and solves all earthly problems.

This attitude, of course, is poles apart from the Labour policy on Lebanon, which has been repeatedly explained by Peres, Rabin and others. It is not, as one article in this paper caricatured it, a matter of "unleashing Major Haddad to do Israel's work for it," but, in brief, to supplement Haddad's role by a series of measures, such as land and air patrols by the IDF, security zones, and international forces with a defined role, with a view to a speedy withdrawal even if the Syrians stay put.

Equally, if not more, ominous, was Shamir's reply to the question whether he agreed with Menachem Begin in defending the legitimacy of a "war of choice" ("an optional war" might be a better translation of the Hebrew term). To say, in this context, that Israel must be "involved" in the Middle East and would be obliged to "react" to "whatever happens in any country in the region" implies a wide range of warlike acts far beyond the immediate requirements of our security.

The implications of this statement are so grave that it cannot be shrugged off as a mere slip of the tongue. We must take into account not only what Shamir actually said, but the fact that he refrained — deliberately, it seems — from giving an obvious and simple answer.

He could have said, with implying criticism of any phase of the war in Lebanon, something like: "We shall always use the army to protect our security, but effective defence may require pre-emptive action, even outside our own borders to stage off impending danger."

Not everyone would agree with such a policy, but what Shamir said was much more serious and reaching. It was the kind of language we hear today only in the U.S. and the USSR — medium-sized powers, like France and Britain, have almost given this kind of talk.

We must not forget that this was not just speaking in a vacuum. On the same day, Arik Sharon, still a member of the cabinet, quoted as telling the *Washington Post* that the U.S. and Israel should cooperate in reoccupying the Golan Heights, expelling the terrorists from West Beirut — i.e., reaping hostilities in Lebanon, and stop the Syrian-Lebanese talks in Geneva (the report did not specify how that was to be done). And Elisha Zemer, editor of *Davar*, told that most of the experts she spoken to foretell a war with Syria within the year.

Perhaps most disturbing is equanimity with which these statements by the prime minister, Israel have been received by press and the politicians. There is an obscure protest by the Likud Party, and Yitzhak Rabin, in a newspaper article, exposed the tradition implicit in Shamir's replies, but it seems to this writer that the matter calls for a more vigorous and sustained reaction.

The writer is closely involved in Le Party affairs.

READERS' LETTERS

BIG BROTHERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I want to thank The Jerusalem Post, in the name of the Haifa Big Brother League, for printing recently an unusually well-written and accurate report on our League.

Such reports are of infinite importance to volunteer organizations, particularly those whose aim is to find volunteers — in our case people who are willing to help fatherless boys develop into fine citizens. Your article brought an immediate response. It is a pity that our Hebrew press does not find it necessary to publicize such heart-warming examples of citizens willing to help others.

Thank you, Jerusalem Post, for your example of concerned citizenship.

HELEN GOLAN
Chairman,
Friends of Haifa Big Brothers
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BEN-GURION CIRCLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I regret to have to disagree with my former colleague Abba Gefen who (in his letter published on November 17) tries to deny the correctness of Yitzhak Navon's statement about the Ben-Gurion Circle saying things which are the opposite of what Ben-Gurion believed in.

In 1967, I accompanied the former West German Chancellor Erhard on his visit to Ben-Gurion at Sede Boker and I was present during the conversation of the two statesmen. To Erhard's question about which of the occupied territories he would be ready to return in exchange of peace, Ben-Gurion answered promptly: "Everything except Jerusalem. Possibly even the Golan Heights."

This is hardly compatible with what the Ben-Gurion Circle seems

to be advocating, and certainly not with the programme of Rafel's Tzomet movement which, as I see (from The Jerusalem Post of November 16), Abba Gefen decided to join.

AVIGDOR DAGAN
Jerusalem.

SMOKING DOCTORS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I was amazed to see a picture of Dr. Menashe smoking in the article, "Hospital on the critical list" (*Life Style* — November 13). No wonder that Israelis fail to take the dangers of smoking seriously when they are set this sort of example by members of the medical profession.

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